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NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—"He had his pocketbook in one hand and a roll of bills in the other. For an instant I was dazed, and then the thing surged through me. I felt that I could not keep my hands off his throat."

United States Senator Robert M. La Follette, in the January installment of his autobiography which is being published in the American Magazine, describes in the above words the feelings that came over him when an attempt was made to bribe him in the famous Wisconsin treasury suits.

La Follette has just been defeated for re-election to Congress. The Democrats had secured control of the State administration in January, 1901, and one of their first steps was to bring suit against all State treasurers of the preceding twenty years. Senator La Follette, a Democrat, a former law partner and brother-in-law of the late Governor, was made an appointment with La Follette at the Plankinton Hotel. They retired to the parlor and the Senator quickly stated the proposition he had to offer.

"He knows I am to meet you here," said Sawyer, according to the autobiography. "I want to hire you as an attorney in the case and don't want you to tell me a word of it. I will give you \$500 or \$1,000 more than Sawyer decides the case is worth."

The autobiography continues: "I said to him if you struck me in the face you could not hurt me as you insult me now. I don't want to hire me as an attorney. You want me to talk to the judge about your case and the bunch of lawyers who are after what you have said to me."

Sawyer then asked how much I would take as a retainer. I answered, "You haven't enough money to employ me as an attorney in your case after what you have said to me."

Sawyer then said to have offered to pay La Follette for meeting him, but the attorney left the room.

La Follette reported to Judge Siebecker, but the attempt at bribery was not made public. Judge Siebecker announced he would not try the treasury cases. Then the news of the attempt at bribery was published. Sawyer denied he had offered any bribe. He asserted he did not know La Follette was connected with the case. He took up the matter, and powerful pressure was exerted on the press, and La Follette was denounced on all sides. Anonymous letters were sent him, notifying him that if he dared to show his head in politics again he would be well to arrange for a lot in the cemetery.

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## Hairpins as Evidence In Suit for Divorce

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—That Dr. Albert Reed, of Highland, and his wife, who are living together apparently as husband and wife after Dr. Reed had sued for a divorce, naming John B. Moutie, seventy years old, a wealthy dairyman, as co-respondent, was the main line of the defense when the trial of the divorce action brought by Dr. Reed was continued before Justice Morchauer here today.

Senator Linson, of Kingston, counsel for Mrs. Reed, moved for a dismissal of the complaint, and the support of the beginning of the action last March, the couple have been living in the same house apparently as husband and wife. Justice Morchauer reserved decision.

Witnesses for the defense then testified that they had seen Dr. Reed and his wife together as late as last October, and that they acted affectionately toward each other.

Miss Jennie M. Smith, of Kingston, sister of Mrs. Reed, testified that she and Mrs. Reed one day in 1910 found a garment worn by Miss Lillian San, of Kingston. Dr. Reed's wife, who is the physician's room. On another occasion, she said, they found hairpins which the defendant had used. The hearing will be resumed on January 20.

## Maryland Apples Now on Exhibition

Big red and russet apples were arranged in an exhibit at the Southern Commercial Congress Hall today. The apples were collected by the Maryland Agricultural College experiment station from Maryland fruit growers.

It is intended to make the exhibit permanent by replacing the fruit by new samples as soon as the old ones begin to decay. Trays contain golden Stayman, winesaps, Grimes' tempting, and the brilliant red winesaps. The apples are arranged in the mammoth red streaked Tompkins' king, the twenty ounce, the fall pippin, the Wolfe river, and the Arkansas black. Specimens of the Chinese champion quince also are shown.

## Woman's Arm Falls From Christmas Tree

CLIFTON HEIGHTS, Pa., Dec. 23.—Adam Fowler, a local dealer, today shook out a fine Christmas tree to sell to a woman customer. As he did so the arm of a woman amputated above the elbow dropped out of the branches. The woman was hardly shocked worse than the dealer, and an investigation is promised.

Stories of the gruesome find, and of various theories suddenly evolved therefrom, kept the town busy all day, especially the children, who gathered in groups to see the arm, as long as it was to be seen. The arm was a little bulging eyes after it was put away.

The trees came to Fowler from Maine, and the probability is that the arm is the product of a legitimate amputation, but carelessly left unburied in the Maine woods, or a part of some tragedy's victim.

The arm is well preserved and apparently was amputated recently. The fingernails are perfect.

## Troops for Hankow

Official reports to the Department of State, today say that two companies of Japanese infantry and one machine gun detachment will arrive about December 31, at Hankow for the protection of the Japanese consulate there.

## Julia Murdock Says Otis Skinner Regards Present Task His Greatest

"The task at hand is the task that interests me most."

This is Otis Skinner's motto. He neither lives in the past, nor dreams of the future, but gives all his heart and intellect to the role of the season. According to him, his favorite role just now is Hajj, the beggar in "Kismet." This was his answer to the question as to which was his favorite role.

"Why, Hajj, to be sure," was his response. For first of all, I am interested in what I am doing after that in what I have done, and last of all, in what I have done. Past performances do not count for much in theatrical life, though many actors and actresses are forever boasting of what they did when they were with So and So.

Moreover, Mr. Skinner is himself deeply interested in the role of Hajj, and he has reason to be. Of the past ten or fifteen years, he has never had a part which affords him one-half the chance, as does the role of the beggar.

It is an interesting character; one part Falstaff, one part the jolly rogue, Autolycus, and another part purely Oriental, fatalistic of passions primitive and strong. Mr. Skinner runs the gamut of emotions in playing this role. The beggar must be now a whining supplicant; now burning with memories of ancient wrongs, and with a wild thirst for vengeance; now an egotist swelling with satisfaction at his achievements; now a crafty plotter, and again a man of rapid, deadly action.

Much Is Universal

In Present Role

Much is universal in the role as Mr. Skinner plays it, and for this reason he will be greatly successful in the role, or else one is no prophet. Much of the play might be understood by a Siwash Indian, and he would understand it in the English language. Who could fail to understand the father's anguish at the predicament of his daughter when she has been left in the hands of her deadly enemy? Who could fail to be amused as Hajj sets the merchants of the bazaar at each other's throats and bolts with their wares? Who could fail to be a highly amusing bit of action. Who could help but smile at human vanity when Hajj swells up under flattery?

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## GOTHAM PHYSICIAN IS TAKING PASTEUR TREATMENT HERE

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He arrived in Washington for the Pasteur treatment last night, and will have to remain here three weeks. He is not ill, and is not suffering discomfort. He calls at the Hygienic Laboratory a day for treatment, and then returns to his hotel, or goes out to see the sights.

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Imagine they felt very mystical and oriental about it, as Mr. Skinner expresses it.

Of course it would have been impossible for Mr. Skinner, as a beggar, to appear wearing a heavy gold ring, but to please his friend, who had requested that he wear it on the opening night of "Kismet," he hung it on a string about his neck. When it became necessary in the play to produce the ring, he took it from his neck, and the broken hand of Fatima, Mr. Skinner accidentally broke the string, and the "Kismet" ring fell upon the stage, and rolled down to the footlights.

Ring Falls Into Pool of Water

Later he found the ring and placed it upon his little finger, until it became necessary for him to dispatch his enemy by drowning him in the pool. This time the ring slipped from his finger, and sank to the floor of the steel pool, in ten feet or more of water.

"Holy Mike," said Mr. Skinner to himself in an undertone, "here's where I lose my friend's ring, and a friendship of a lifetime all at once. There was that ring at the bottom of the steel tank. What was I to do? I was up against a proposition good and hard. My luck is gone and I shall never get my friend's ring back. I shall never forgive him. All of these thoughts were coursing through the actor's mind while Skinner, as Hajj, lay at the brink of the pool, at one of the most dramatic moments of the play, while he counted the bubbles that rose to the surface of the pool, and held his audience spell-bound with his dramatic and consummate art.

Finally, however, the ring was recovered, and after a brief search, it was found at the bottom of the steel tank. "Kismet" production it will be returned to its owner.

While I do not believe much in amulets, said Mr. Skinner, "I do believe in the happy influence of good wishes. Not in any mystic way, but because of their direct influence. I mention only one phase—one no one can fail to be buoyed up, to be bound to respond to the expectations of his friends."

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## BRAIN NOT BRAIN IS HIGH SALARIED COMMERCIAL NEED

Banker Perkins Says \$10,000 Men Are Scarce for \$10,000 Jobs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—"The reason it is so hard to find \$10,000-a-year men for \$10,000-a-year jobs is because \$10,000-a-year men never have to look for jobs; they always have them," declared George W. Perkins, former partner of J. P. Morgan in an interview published today.

"It takes men years to prepare themselves for \$10,000-a-year jobs," continued Perkins, "and lack of this preparation is what causes a dearth of these men. The man who reaches the \$10,000 point is the man who knows not only his own job thoroughly, but that of the man ahead of him. It is no longer a question of brain as much as brains."

Range Lights in Canal Zone Are Being Planned

In the Canal Record, the official journal of the Panama canal diggers, which reached Washington from Ancon today, it is announced that the Government is now setting range lights along the canal for the guidance of mariners at night, and is also experimenting with a new sun valve which is expected to save much money to the Government in the decreased consumption of acetylene gas with which the lights are operated.

The sun valve consists of a copper cylinder which expands when the sun shines on it, thus shutting off the gas and contracting when the sun sets at night, opening the valve, and letting the gas flow into the burner again, and burning to light the gas each evening.

Range lights now in use burn with the same flame day and night, down four stairs.

Judge Convicts Both Accused and Accuser

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—German judges have today pronounced both the accused and the complainant guilty. Such a paradoxical verdict has just been rendered in one of the Berlin courts in which a gay old lothario was declared guilty of insulting a woman and sent to prison for three months, and the woman who had accused him of the offense was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Otto Kamphelm, aged sixty-three, attended a dinner at the home of Wilhelm Jacob. After drinking a large quantity of wine, Kamphelm, a well-known race stable owner, made love to the governess in the Jacob family, a French woman, who was his wife's maid, and who was also his mistress. He received a sharp slap in return for his attentions. This so infuriated the old fellow that he knocked the governess down four stairs.

The court, by some strange mental process, decided the woman's conduct also reprehensible inasmuch as she had allowed a familiarity so violently and decided that for three months' imprisonment for Kamphelm and 600 marks for the governess would satisfy justice.

Along with many others, the writer joins in best wishes for Mr. Skinner and "Kismet."

Julia Murdock

Davis, Surrendered By Bondsman, Goes to Cell

Frank C. Davis, an alleged bogus check man, was greatly surprised, and so was his counsel, Matthew E. O'Brien, yesterday, in Criminal Court No. 2, when the bondsman of the prisoner surrendered Davis to the authorities. Davis had been released on a telegraphic request, and expected to return last evening to Chicago, to spend Christmas with his wife, and to be joined by his two children. He was, however, arrested by the police, and instead of returning to Chicago, he was taken to the city jail.

Chicago Davis was remanded to jail, and his bondsman was ordered to pay checks for amounts aggregating several hundred dollars last July. Among his alleged victims were Schwarz & Peck, the Knapp Optical Company, Peck, Cuccorasi, and the Saks Optical Company.

Morgan Offers to Pay Expense of Taft Trip

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—J. Pierpont Morgan has volunteered to pay for three special private cars to bring President Taft and the ambassadors from Washington to the Citizens' Peace banquet to be given at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel Monday night.

The committee desired to bring the officials from the Capital in state, but so many acceptances were received that it caused the committee some embarrassment as to financing the trip until Morgan stepped into the breach.

Many wealthy men have reserved entire tables at \$10 a plate for the banquet.

Nine-Year-Old Girl Writes Christmas Book

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—A remarkably entertaining and well-written story is "Journeys With Fairy Christmas," the latest book by little Winifred Sackville Stoner, the nine-year-old authoress and linguist, daughter of Dr. James Buchanan Stoner, of the Public Health and Marine Service, now stationed in Pittsburgh, who is being urged by Congressmen from this section to succeed the late Surgeon General Wyman.

It is a graphic and breezy account of a wonderful trip taken around the world by a little girl with miniature fairy Santa Claus, Norway, Sweden, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France, Germany, Holland, Spain, Italy, Russia, and Bethlehem are visited in the midnight trip of the little traveler and her fairy guide, who explains the many strange Christmas celebrations happened upon.

Violators of Motor Car Rules Are Fined

Three charges of violations of police regulations governing motor vehicles were filed in District branch of Police Court today. For exceeding twelve miles an hour in Connecticut avenue, Eugene Sybilis paid a fine of \$5, and David Hendrick forfeited \$5. Orrin Dewitt paid \$5 for failing to display his permit number.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

Information that the two stocks of the Berkshire Iron Company, of that place, which have been out of blast for a long time, will be started up about the middle of January. This, in turn, means additional work at the Cornwall ore mines.

## GAYNOR CRITICISES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Asserts Boys and Girls Are Getting Too Much in Their Heads and Will Not Work—Would Drop the Languages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—"We are teaching too much in the public schools to make good citizens, citizens who will think sufficiently to vote and at the same time willing to work with their hands."

This is Mayor W. G. Gaynor's criticism of the public school systems throughout the United States, and particularly of the New York public schools.

"Boys are getting too much in their heads," the mayor holds, "and girls know too many other things to want to do housework."

Mayor Gaynor is an advocate of teaching "reading, writing 'n' 'rithmetic'" in the public schools along with a few other essentials and letting languages, for instance, wait for those who have more time for learning than those who end their schooling with the grades.

Gives His Opinion

In giving his opinions of what the public schools in this country should do, Mayor Gaynor said:

"The public school should train our boys and girls to work; work with their hands as well as their heads. Schools, especially in the larger cities all over this country, are turning out boys and girls who think they are a little too good to do ordinary work. This is bad for the country."

"We are bringing boys and girls out of the common schools who, unless they can get jobs where they can sit on high stools or at typewriter, won't work. They have been taught too much, and think because they have been educated they should use their hands alone, and let others work with their hands."

"And I am convinced that a system of education that produces such a result is a failure, and the systems in our larger cities are very generally producing just that result. We are teaching unnecessary things. Probably this is so because those interested in education are so generally for the more, constantly adding to that which they think our children should learn. It's a hobby with them, and it's a hobby that is enlarging the studies for the common schools."

"I was a boy in the District school in the country and later in the village, I observed it was very easy to

discourage pupils by too much work, although then we were taught only the essentials. Now, then it seems to me too many subjects are taught in school and the children become disgusted because they think they are overloaded. None can learn all that is taught, while the great majority learn very little."

"I think the largest percentage of children in our schools are just submerged—they just have their noses above water, struggling to breathe. They have more than they can do. We teach them too many things, and the result is they leave the common school with a superficial knowledge of many things and an accurate knowledge of none. This was my own experience in the common schools."

Let of Frills

"There are a lot of frills and refinements now taught that ought to be dropped. French and German, for instance, are refinements. If there is any one who has ever learned French or German I wish they would come into my office and talk with me. Either boy or girl who has accomplished them certainly would be a curiosity."

"The teachings of languages does not help our children become better citizens. It does not improve on them the necessity of work. And there is a shortage of workers all over the country. Children born here and attend our schools won't work with their hands unless they have to, and then they don't like it."

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## COMPANY PLAYING IN "HALF WAY TO PARIS" DISBANDED

Some Holiday Frost and Burden of Debts Responsible for Failure.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—"Half Way to Paris," a theatrical organization playing at the Garrick Theater, has disbanded. The company so far has received nothing in its stockings but attachments for scenery, costumes, and three other accessories without which a show is not much of a show. Christmas joy, anticipated, was turned into Christmas gloom, realized, when the receipts failed to show enough to warrant keeping the company going.

The story of "Half Way to Paris" has a pathetic side. The play, a musical farce by Paul M. Potter, opened in Baltimore, at the Academy, about ten days ago, and it seemed to be doing well. But attachments began to come in. Some of the members of the company, with Christmaslike all about them, were even in difficulties over their hotel bills. Samuel F. Nixon was the rescuer, who advanced \$400, and allowed the company to discharge its Baltimore obligations and come on to this city.